



Knights Herald

Ascension Council 7991

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Grand Knights Report

Worthy Brothers,
Today, I attended the funeral of Brother John Mentanko. Brother John suffered a major stroke on Friday, May 15, and passed away on Sunday May 17. John was an outgoing active member of the community until the very end. He was an active member of the volunteer community through the Knights of Columbus, the Oceanside Hospice Society, and the Kiwanis Club.

Funerals are seldom a happy event, and this was no exception. However, John lived a full and active life, and we can celebrate his many accomplishments. He was an active Knight, having participated in many Knights of Columbus activities. It was gratifying to see the turnout of Knights at this funeral. A total of 26 Knights attended, with Knights serving as Candle-Bearers, Cross-Bearers and Ushers. Knights sang in the Choir, did the Readings and served at the alter. A very special Thanks must go to Brother Brenden O'Keeffe and his wife Helen, Brother Ed Peacock and his wife Doreen, Brother Jim Enright and his wife Ruth, Bonnie Morrisroe, and Bev Belliveau for all the work they did in preparing and serving, on very short notice, the lunch after the funeral. A great show of teamwork. I would like to thank all the Knights who dressed up and attended the funeral. It was great to see, and made one feel proud to be part of the Knights.

And another big Thank-You to Brother Les Bodi and his Garage Sale Team for another hugely successful garage sale. The event raised over \$1700. for the Knights, and was carried out without a hitch. It was well planned, organized and executed, and another great show of teamwork. Well done, Guys.

At the June 4th General Meeting, we will see the election of a new slate of officers, and on June 13, following the 5:00pm Mass, we will have the Installation of Officers. Please plan to attend.

Fraternally
Br. Dennis Belliveau
Grand Knight / Council 7991

Calendar of Events

May 21 st	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting
June 4 th	7:30 pm General Meeting ~ Elections
June 13 th	Installation of Officers
June 14 th	Pancake Breakfast after both Masses
June 18 th	9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Executive Meeting

Local News;

The Annual Garage Sale organized by Brother L. BODI was reported to have been a great success.

Brother Gerry Taylor Tel.#(250)752-8179 is still seeking more Brother Knights to form a Council 7991 Choir. Br. Gerry says `don` t be shy and no need to be a Pavaroti to join`

Birthdays in May

Peter Ash	May 09
Patrick Clarke	May 28
Richard Cloutier	May 21
Emile Cyr	May 04
Bjorn Haagenen	May 24
Peter L Horsfield	May 02
Karunakaran Jainshaw	May 30
John Kelly	May 13
Raymond Lajeunesse	May 26
Gerbase De Amorim	May 01
Edgar Peacock	May 07
Henri Poirier	May 28
John Poirier	May 27
Emmett Urquhart	May 30

Birthdays in June

Drazen Filko	May 11
Kees Hendricks	May 04
Hans Kratz	May 20
Terrance Kroetsch	May 27
Peter Kucey	May 10
Francis Lacouvee	May 21
Siegfried Mueller	May 18
James Proctor	May 09
John Smart	May 02

**Happy Birthday &
Many Many More**

**Prayers are requested for:**

Brothers Marcel Beaulac, Fred Demmon, Fred Gorman, Richard Quittenton, Emmett Urquhart and for the repose of the soul of John Mentanko.

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We would encourage all Brothers to peruse the weekly Church Bulletin and minutes of the General Meeting for upcoming events involving the Council.

Area News;

On May 14th, the 14th Anniversary of passage of a Canadian law legalizing abortion, Knights of Columbus were major participants in protests from one end of Canada to the other. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie were among speakers at the 12th Annual March for Life in Ottawa and Knights were also prominent among them at the 2nd Annual Pro-Life event in Victoria, B.C.

Despite driving rain and howling winds, the National March for Life in Ottawa drew more than 12,000 people, the largest crowd in the history of this event. Speaking to the Ottawa crowd, Conservative MP Jeff Watson, who was born in 1971 said he was the son of a teenage woman who gave him up for adoption. "For every seven of us, three never made it out of the womb", he said, "My generation has paid a steep and human price." (BCC)

Four recent opinion polls made public on May 15th reveal a majority of 51% of Americans are described as "Pro-Life" while 46% claim to be 'pro-choice'. (CNS)

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus donated nearly \$1.28 Billion to Charity and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes.

**Flag Watch:**

If any member knows of anyone flying the Canadian flag, please inform Fred Gorman at 248-9664 or any 4th degree member, and they could have them presented with a "Patriotic Certificate"

World Scene;

Wash. Sister Betty Adams who oversees a shelter for women fleeing domestic violence in Sierra Vista, Ariz. near the Mexican border, reports a rise in incidents as recession stresses hit home. The US appears to be in its 18th month of recession. (CNS)

VATICAN CITY(CNS); A meticulous restoration and reproduction of a precious document from the Vatican Secret Archives brings new attention to one of the most complicated divorces in history - that of King Henry VIII from his queen, Catherine of Aragon. The document, a letter written in 1530 by members of England's House of Lords, other nobility and members of the clergy, urged Pope Clement VII to annul the royal marriage because it had not produced a male heir, and warned that with no clear succession England could be plunged into chaos and bloodshed. Pope Clement, as history shows, did not grant the divorce, and the ensuing rift with Henry (Tudor) led to the establishment of the Church of England. The letter to the Pope was signed by 84 nobles and clergy and weighed down with more than six pounds of wax from the seals notarizing each signature. Careful scrutiny and research of the seals reveal details of the identity of those who put their names to the document - willingly or not. Signers included two archbishops, two dukes, two marquises, 13 counts, 4 bishops, a viscount, 26 barons and 22 abbots - some 70% of the House of Lords at the time. Knights, courtiers, archdeacons and theologians made up the rest.

Reproductions of the letter will be given as a gift to Pope Benedict XVI and another 199 will be produced at the rate of about two a month. Each will sell for about \$68,000. A twin original of the document is kept in the British National Archives in Kew, but is mildewed, difficult to read and has lost its seals.

G.B. (C.HERALD); The new Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols appealed for a more reasoned public debate in England. "This dialogue needs to go beyond the superficial and slogans". He called for a greater appreciation of the Church's contribution to society and described the Church as an attempt to fulfil "a vision of true social cohesion".

VATICAN CITY(Zenit.org); In a recent statement Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Director of the Vatican Press office affirmed the importance of the Internet as a tool for delivering the Gospel message to people in many different situations. While Father Lombardi affirmed that despite "all the terrible, awful things that television does" it can be used for good, to create communion, and 'it can truly be blessed.' The priest recalled a moment when he worked to televise a youth gathering with Pope John Paul II, so that other European cities could take part through two-way satellite links. After the Pontiff exchanged greeting with young people in other cities, he exclaimed; "What a marvellous thing is this television! I can see and speak with my young people in Krakow as though they were right here. Blessed be television!"

CNS Rome May 7th; The film `Angels and Demons` is considered `harmless entertainment` with many factual errors and little cultural value`, according to the Vatican newspaper.

BBC News May 7th; A team of 10 Austrian and Italian archaeologists, architects and computer scientists have been involved in a three year project to create the first fully comprehensive three-dimensional image of the Catacombs using laser scanners. The largest catacomb, Saint Domitilla near Rome consists of tunnels caves, galleries and burial chambers stretching for about 15 km (9 Miles) over a number of levels.

May 6th; For the first time women to be part of the Swiss Guard at the Vatican. Col. Daniel ANRIG, expects a few logistic problems in housing the 110 strong Swiss Guard which was formed in 1506. 32 new recruits were to be introduced to the Vatican on May 6th. (NieuwsbladB.)

April 19,(TCRegister) There are more than 400,000 priests in the world and that number has been slowly rising since 2000 according to the Vatican yearbook *Annuario Pontificio*. There are currently 119 men in Toronto studying for the priesthood, with 53 seminarians in residence at St. Augustine's Seminary. The Jesuits of English Canada have another 11 men in various stages of priestly formation. The normal course of formation for a Jesuit takes 13 years, including 2 years in the novitiate before first vows, 3 yrs of regency, a period of ministry usually centred on teaching and 4 yrs of studies in theology.

 IN MEMORY

Sadly, on May 22nd we said `GoodBye Old Friend` to Brother John MENTANKO who passed away suddenly on May 17th at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital. We will all miss his friendly smile, his cheerfulness and willingness to help wherever and whenever he was needed. The service for John could only attest to his recognition within the community, the church, his Brother Knights of Columbus and most of all his family who came from distant places to say `Farewell` to their father and their `Papa`. The poem by Linda Ellis, `The Dash` made us all reflect on this fine man, to think of where he came from, what he did in his life-time. Where he grew up; did he play baseball? hockey? did he fish the nearby watering hole? John was born in Sturgis, Saskatchewan in 1932 and the twinkle in his eye, the joy in telling a story, his strong hands and readiness to `roll up the sleeves` left no doubt he was a `lad from the Prairies` and no stranger to hard work. As a young man did he get weary of winter? did he awaken on winter nights hearing the great howling winds across the open fields? did he see the ice crystals sparkle on the trees? did he see the wheatfields shimmer in the sun? We can but believe that John lived life to the fullest and faced the world each day with a smile as he threw the shutters back and said `Bless Me Father For Another Great Day`.

Compliments must be given to the Organist and the Church Choir and the Funeral Director for a wonderful Service and not least, mention must be made of the large representation of fellow Knights of Columbus who came to say `Adieu`.

Brother Charles Whelton wanted to mention one of the local theatre groups, `Bard to Broadway` and more entertainment for the coming summer months when productions of `Oliver`, `Little Shop of Horrors`, `The Foreigner and Glorious` will follow their season premiere `It's Showtime` at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre on Saturday, May 23rd. There will be a preview of all four shows, refreshments and dancing to the Arrowsmith Big Band. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be reserved at 2500248-0444.

News from the Church Mouse;

Senility Prayer; `Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference`

`Sorry, the elevator to success is Out of Order. You will have to use the stairs..one step at a time`

`Enjoy when you can and endure when you must` (J. Groethe 1749-1832)

A little boy went up to his father and asked; `Dad, where did my intelligence come from?` The father replied. `Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.`

Advice from Snopes.com Very important!

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says forward this on to '10' (or however many) of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it, or whatever, it almost always has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to.

The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' E-Mail addresses to use in SPAM E-Mails, or sell to other spammers. Even when you get emails that demand you send the email on if you're not ashamed of God/Jesusthat's E-mail tracking and they're playing on our conscience. These people don't care how they get your email addresses - just as long as they get them. Also, emails that talk about a missing child or a child with an incurable disease - "how would you feel if that was your child"E-mail Tracking!!!

Ignore them and don't participate!

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, is a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - - to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favour by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, now you know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favour and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound!...or make you feel guilty if you don't!...it's all about getting email addresses - nothing more!

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT! Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later and very possibly a virus attached! Plus, you are helping the spammers get rich! Let's don't make it easy for them!

Also: E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to White House, Congress or any other organization - i.e. social security, etc. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition, so this is a waste of time and you're just helping the Email trackers.

Please read the full story here: <[http://](http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/petition/internet.asp)>

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Knights of Columbus Council 7991 General Meeting, May 7, 2009

Grand Knight Brother Dennis Belliveau **called the meeting to order** at 7:30 pm. The **Warden** reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card. An *opening prayer* was said and *O Canada* was sung.

The **roll of officers** was called and recorded as follows. (P – present, A – absent, E - excused)

Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Kobos, P	Lecturer, Bro. Sandy Fraser, P
Grand Knight, Bro. Dennis Belliveau, P	Trustee for One Year, Bro. Silvere Brochez, P
Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Peter Horsfield, P	Trustee for Two Years, Bro. Tony Antoniuk, P
Chancellor, Bro. Tony Dunn, P	Trustee for Three Years, Bro. Randy Schmidt, E
Financial Secretary, Bro. David Nenzel, P	Advocate, Bro. John Poirier, E
Recorder, Bro. Dale Niwa, P	Inside Guard, Bro. Mike Hanlon, P
Warden, Bro. Jim Wall, P	Outside Guard, Bro. Jim Enright, E
Treasurer, Bro. Ray Misanchuk, P	Past Grand Knight, Bro. Fred Demmon, P

The *Opening Ode* was sung.

Brother Tony Antoniuk moved and Brother Peter Horsfield seconded that the **minutes** of the meeting of April 2 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Membership Chairman, Brother Al Walsh moved and Brother Tony Antoniuk seconded that Brother Wilfred Cody be re-admitted as a member of our Council. Carried. Brother Cody introduced himself. Brother Walsh reported that our council has 104 members, 47 of whom are insured. Scot Doran has signed up and is yet to be initiated.

The **Grand Knight** reported that he attended the annual convention with Brother Peter Horsfield and found it to be a good experience.

Chaplain, Father Jozef Kobos reported that the Bishop was here last weekend for Confirmation and First Communion.

Treasurer, Brother Ray Misanchuk reported the following account balances as of April 30. (The full report is on file.)

Cash Available	\$3,643.93
Credit Union Bonds	\$25,175.07
Gaming Account	\$25,931.99

Brother Misanchuk moved and Brother Silvere Brochez seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Financial Secretary, Brother David Nenzel reported the following income and expenses for the month of April. (The full report is on file.)

Total Income	\$19,670.24
Total Expenses	\$397.46

Brother Nenzel moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Program Director, Brother Peter Horsfield called upon the following directors to report.

- **Parish Council Liaison**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that the primary topic of discussion lately has been the building project.
- **Public Relations Director**, Brother Dennis Belliveau reported that for the time being his public relations has been limited to his column in the Church Bulletin.
- **Pancake Breakfast Chairman**, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe reported that his team will be handling this month's breakfast, and that he could use more help. Also, last month a different kind of sausage was tried and was well liked.
- **Pro-Life Liaison**, Brother Italo Raviglione encouraged participation on the *March for Life* on May 14 in Victoria. Transportation will be available for \$20. Brother Peter Horsfield and his wife will also be driving to Victoria
- **Community Director**, Brother Sandy Fraser thanked Brother David Nenzel for the presentation he gave in March.
- **Building Committee Chairman**, Brother Gordon Johnston reported that all approvals have been received for the building renovation project. A fund-raising committee has been formed with Sandy Digras as coordinator and is aiming to raise \$500,000. He asked for the support of the Knights. Brother Johnston gave notice of motion to affirm the donation of \$20,000 from the Knights to be used for kitchen equipment, to be voted on at the June meeting.

Reading of Bills and Communication:

- A request for financial assistance has been received from Katie-Anne Gaetz and will be turned over to the Donations Committee for consideration.
- \$268.95 has been received on behalf of attendance at the convention.

Unfinished Business:

- **Garage Sale:** Brother Les Bodi reported that all is in order but more merchandise could be used. Set-up will begin tomorrow morning at 10:00.
- **Charging new members for badges:** The Grand Knight concluded that it was not a good idea.
- **Rosaries for the First Communicants and Confirmation recipients:** Well received.
- **By-Law Revision:** The Recorder reported that the proposal has been sent in to the Supreme Advocate.
- **Fiesta Book Sales:** Brother Tony Antoniuk reported that sales were slow.
- **Nominations for 2009-2010:** Committee chairman Brother Fred Demmon reported the following nominations:
 - Grand Knight – Brother Dennis Belliveau
 - Deputy Grand Knight – Brother Peter Horsfield
 - Warden – Brother Mervin Pasula
 - Recorder – Brother Dale Niwa
 - Chancellor – Brother Tony Dunn
 - Treasurer – Brother Ray Misanchuk
 - Trustee for Three Years – Brothers Syl Brochez and Jim Wall
 - Advocate – Brother John Poirier
 - Inside Guard – Brother Mike Hanlon
 - Outside Guard – Brother Al Kennedy
 These nominations will be published in the *Knights Bulletin*, and other nominations are welcome.
- **Funerals Director:** Brother Randy Schmidt provided a written report through the Grand Knight. So far he has three teams of four people each to act as candle and cross bearers, and 16 Knights who are willing to act as pallbearers. The written report is on file.

New Business:

- **Mothers Day:** 250 carnations have been ordered. Brothers Peter Horsfield, Tony Dunn, and Keith Mueller agreed to assist in their distribution on the weekend masses.
- **Charity Appeal:** Brother Peter Horsfield announced that he has accepted the position of State Chairman for the Charity Appeal and asked for support from our council. Brother Fred Demmon moved and Brother Jim Wall seconded that our council support him and help with the distribution and collection of tickets. Carried.
- **Apostolic Blessing:** This has been received and presented to Brother Ray and Betty Misanchuk on behalf of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The blessing will be re-presented at the 5:00 mass this Saturday.
- **New Flag:** Brother David Nenzel reported that a new flag is needed. The Grand Knight will look into it.

District Deputy, Brother Rick Graebner expressed greetings, congratulated Council on attendance, encouraged participation at the May 14 *March for Life*, suggested that proposers should be involved in getting new members involved in council activities, announced a Fourth Degree meeting in Powel River on May 23 and an installation in Langford on November 7, asked for support for the Charity Appeal, encouraged the formation of a First Degree Team, had Father Kobos bless a finger rosary that would be auctioned off with proceeds going to *Pennies for Heaven*, thanked our council for the support given him during his two years as District Deputy, and asked our council to name a chairman for the State's Hundredth Anniversary project.

Brother Italo Raviglione asked if the recitation of the **Rosary** before meetings is to continue. He was assured that it is.

Under **The Good of the Order** a prayer was said for Brothers Jim Enright and Tom Cunniffe.

The *Closing Ode* was sung, Brother Brendan O'Keeffe won the 50/50 draw, Brother Al Walsh bought the finger rosary for \$10, and the meeting was adjourned.